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ATF ADVISES LICENSED FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES DEALERS TO SECURE INVENTORIES AHEAD OF PENDING NATURAL DISASTERS

WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) today issued two open letters to all federal firearms licensees (or licensed gun dealers) and federal explosives licensees and permittees with recommendations to store and secure inventories in preparation for natural disasters, such as hurricanes making landfall in their vicinities.

“ATF is asking all federally licensed firearms and explosives dealers, as well as law enforcement agencies, to take precautionary measures in preparation for a major tropical storm making landfall,” said Assistant Director Carson Carroll of the ATF Office of Enforcement Programs and Services. “All firearms and explosives industry members, including pawn shops, gun stores and explosives companies, are urged to take additional measures to safeguard their inventories and records from storm damage or theft during or following a natural disaster.”

The ATF Office of Enforcement Programs and Services has posted two open letters to the bureau’s website and also disseminated them to licensees registered to receive ATF advisories electronically via the bureau’s email subscription service, in lieu of regular mail services. More information and complete content of the letters can be found at www.atf.gov under Breaking News and Industry News.

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